CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (CE) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(Information for Students & Parents)

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1. What is Concurrent Enrollment?

CE is a program offered between a public high school and a participating Utah college or university. Challenging college-level courses are offered to high school students in their Junior and Senior year of high school and credits are earned in the class for both high school graduation and college credit.

2. What are the qualifications to participate in Concurrent Enrollment?

- Students must be in 11th or 12th grade.
- Students must have a 3.0 GPA and maintain upper-level academic standing likely earning an A or B from the CE class and have good attendance.
- Students must comply with special course qualifications (ACT scores and/or course prerequisites).

3. How will Concurrent Enrollment benefit me?

CE allows students to take courses and receive credit at the high school and university simultaneously. This allows students to receive college credit for a minimal charge and also

experience the academic rigor of college courses. CE classes are weighted at a higher level on college applications like AP, Advanced, and Honors courses.

4. What Concurrent Enrollment classes should I take?

You should only register for CE courses that align with your SEOP/Plan for CCR. General Education courses are appropriate for all qualified students. You should not take Concurrent Enrollment and AP courses that fulfill the same college and/or high school requirements i.e. AP English and English 1010.

5. What is the difference between Concurrent Enrollment, AP, IB, and Early College?

- CE (Concurrent Enrollment) offers college credit to those students who sign up. There is no cost for tuition. Students receive a grade/credit on their high school and college transcript.
- AP (Advanced Placement) requires that a student pass the AP Exam to earn college credit. The amount of credit awarded is dependent upon the student's score and the college's acceptance requirement. A student may take an AP Exam without enrolling in an AP class. A fee is charged to take the test.
- IB (International Baccalaureate) provides courses in a variety of subjects tied to an international curriculum. Students may take exams at the conclusion of their courses.
- Early College students must pay tuition and fees to the institution they attend and must provide their own transportation to the university campus. Credit is posted to a college transcript. Students may request that credit be posted to their high school transcript.

6. How will CE affect my high school and/or college GPA?

- CE credits will be posted on your high school transcript and count towards your high school GPA.
- All CE grades are posted to an official college transcript and a college GPA is established. This transcript becomes part of a student's permanent college record. A grade of C- or lower may not be considered a passing grade at the college. Therefore, a student may have to retake the course. Courses may not be retaken as a CE Course.
- An accumulative GPA of a C- or lower may place a student on academic probation with the college and affect financial aid eligibility.

7. Are Home-Schooled students eligible to take Concurrent Enrollment?

A home schooled student may take CE classes as long as they meet the CE requirements. To participate, the student must enroll at the high school and pay any associated registration fees.

8. Are International students eligible to take Concurrent Enrollment?

International students may participate in any academic activity in the public schools for which they are enrolled. Fees may apply.

9. Are there deadlines for Concurrent Enrollment registration?

Yes. Students must register for CE and be admitted prior to college deadlines. Failure to do this results in a loss of opportunity to take the class.

10. How much will this cost?

Students may be assessed a one-time application/registration fee per institution. Students may be required to purchase a textbook and pay associated lab fees for the course.

11. How many courses can I enroll in?

Students are limited to a total of 30 CE credits per school year. Students will be charged tuition at the college rate for any class pushing the total over 30 credits.

12. When is the latest I can add or drop/withdraw from a course without being penalized? These dates are set by the college. Students must abide by these deadlines – no exceptions allowed. Students may drop a course within the first 10 days of class. Withdrawal deadlines vary. For information on these deadlines, go to the college concurrent website or talk with your high school CE Coordinator.

13. What determines which college a class is offered from?

School districts are assigned a college/university "primary provider" for concurrent enrollment courses. This assignment is made through the Board of Regents as mandated by the Legislature. Courses vary per provider. Districts have the option to petition another provider for courses not offered through their primary provider. Colleges/Universities approve these courses on a case-by-case basis. All high school concurrent enrollment teachers must meet adjunct faculty requirements as set by the higher ed. provider.

14. Will my credits transfer to other institutions?

All credits will be accepted by all in-state public higher education institutions. However, credits may or may not articulate directly. Credits that do not articulate directly will transfer in as elective credit for in-state institutions. If you transfer to a private or out of state institution, credit awarded would be up to the discretion of the institution.

15. How would Concurrent Enrollment credit affect my ability to obtain a scholarship? Numerous scholarships are based on new student entry into higher education. If students exceed 60 credit hours on a college transcript, they may be viewed as a student of higher standing and not qualify for an entry scholarship to college. Talk to the college you are planning to attend to find out about scholarship eligibility.

16. How could I find out more information about a course?

Speak with your high school CE Coordinator or go to the college concurrent website for more information.

17. What happens if the course is too difficult?

At the first sign of difficulty, communicate with your teacher, counselor and/or CE Coordinator about obtaining extra help. CE withdrawals or drops must take place in accordance with the college deadlines or the student will receive the grade earned.

18. What if I don't want to attend the college where the concurrent credit is being offered? CE credit is transferable to all in-state public institutions and to some private schools and out-of-state institutions on a case-by-case basis. Be sure to check with your institution of choice to see if elective CE credit will align with their degree programs. If you want your concurrent credit

transferred to another university, you must initiate that process by contacting the registrar's office of the university where you earned the credit and request a transcript.

19. Can I get my associate degree while still in high school?

Yes, some students can earn an associate degree by earning AP, CE, IB and Early College Credit. Your high school counselor will work closely with you to chart a sequence of courses. This planning should begin as early as 9th grade.

20. What is the New Century Scholarship?

Eligible students must complete the requirements of an associate degree or its equivalent at a state institution of higher education by high school graduation. Application must be made at least a year in advance. Scholarship details can be found on the web at www.utahnewcentury.org.

21. Can I use concurrent classes to fulfill the requirements for the Regents Scholarship? Concurrent classes must have prior-approval to qualify for the scholarship. Not all CE classes are acceptable. Visit the Regents Scholarship website for more information and to see if your CE classes will count at www.higheredutah.org/scholarship_info/regents-scholarship

22. Can I use concurrent classes to fulfill the NCAA requirements?

NCAA requirements change on a yearly basis. Work closely with your high school counselor to make sure your CE courses are approved.

23. How do I receive my final grades?

Grades will be posted at the end of the course on both your high school and college transcript. To obtain a college transcript, you must contact that institution to request a transcript.

Bottom Line.....CE is a WIN-WIN